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ROAD CONSTRUCTION
SIEM PANG AREA, CAMBODIA
1406N 10624E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PORTION OF A NEW ROAD IN CAMBODIA.

2. LOCATION:

THE AREA DEPICTED ON THIS GRAPHIC IS LOCATED JUST EAST OF SIEM PANG, APPROXIMATELY 49 NM SOUTHWEST OF ATTOPEU, LAOS.

3. BACKGROUND/COLLATERAL:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD, WHEN USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH NPIC BRIEFING BOARDS K-7520, K-7579, K-7580, L-1022, L-1025, AND L-1037, DEPICTS VARIOUS STAGES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD THAT EXTENDS GENERALLY NORTH AND NORTHEAST, ALONG THE EAST BANK OF THE TONLE KONG, FROM CAMBODIA ROUTE 15 TO THE CAMBODIA/LAOS BORDER. THE ROAD, DESIGNATED AS ROUTE 110 IN LAOS, EXTENDS NORTH AND EAST TO LAOS ROUTE 96, AND THEN SOUTHEAST TO ITS TERMINUS 1.5 NM NORTH OF THE CAMBODIA BORDER, NEAR THE TRI-BORDER AREA OF LAOS, CAMBODIA, AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

THIS ROAD SYSTEM, SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE "SIHANOUK TRAIL", WAS FIRST OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION NORTH OF SIEM PANG, CAMBODIA, ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF [] THE COMPLETED ALIGNMENT, INCLUDING LAOS ROUTE 110, WAS OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF []

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4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS NO EVIDENCE OF A ROAD
OR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY NEAR ROUTE 15 IN THE AREA EAST OF THE TONLE
KONG.

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ON [REDACTED] INITIAL CLEARING
OPERATIONS ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE PROJECTED ALIGNMENT. IT IS NOTED
THAT THE TERRAIN IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF ROUTE 15 IS GENERALLY FLAT AND
HAS FEW TREES, AND ONLY A MINIMUM OF EFFORT WAS REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT
THE ROAD.

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[REDACTED] REVEALS A NARROW ROAD LEADING
NORTH FROM ROUTE 15, AND VEHICLE TRACKS ARE OBSERVED ON THE VISIBLE
PORTIONS. A SMALL PONTOON FERRY IS OBSERVED ON THE WEST BANK OF THE
RIVER AT SIEM PANG.

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